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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Letter for Microsoft

Dear Sir or Madam,

This a copy of my letter to support the efforts of the MA Attorney general, Tom Reilly regarding the Microsoft settlement. I will be following up with a signed copy via fax.

Thank you very much,
Colleen Reilly, MA

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Re: The Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to you about the proposed Microsoft settlement as both a private consumer as well as a human resources professional. I am very concerned as a consumer that I continue to have a choice in the software I purchase without having to be concerned with interoperability issues. As a human resources professional and personal user of Microsoft, I want to maintain open computer systems that will facilitate communication and training materials.

Openness is paramount to maintaining competition, but openness is not what Microsoft wants. And it is not what this settlement, as it is currently written will guarantee.

I support including additional remedies as proposed by the dissenting Attorneys General, including the AG from my own state, Tom Reilly (no relation). Those remedies would ensure consumer choice, competition and interoperability of software. Specifically, I support the following:

1. Microsoft should offer an alternative, basic version of Windows to personal computer manufacturers. This alternative version would have no Microsoft "add-ons", such as Internet access software, media players, or email applications, included.
2. Microsoft should provide the software code for Internet Explorer to competing software developers so that Microsoft cannot monopolize the Internet access or browser markets.
3. Microsoft should develop some mechanism to allow competitors to produce non-Windows based versions of the Office software suite.

Sincerely,

Colleen Reilly

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